



## Supporting Hoosier Outdoors Enthusiasts

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#### Major Outfitters Coming Soon

Northwest Indiana will soon be home to two of the Nation's premier sporting-goods franchises.

Bass Pro Shops recently announced it would be opening a store in Portage, which would be the state's second after one opened in Clarksville last year. Cabela's recently announced plans to open its first store in Indiana in Hammond.

Besides bringing hundreds of jobs and related economic development, these stores will give more options to Hoosier hunters, fishermen, and outdoor enthusiasts.

#### Gov. Daniels Expands Outdoor Sports Areas

Governor Mitch Daniels showed his support for outdoor sports by signing legislation that will expand hunting and fishing areas in the State.

The law allows DNR to acquire the new land with money from the hunting, fishing, and trapping license trust fund.

House Enrolled Act 1138 also allows DNR to designate free hunting days for youths and reduces the minimum license fee to take an extra deer.

This law took effect on July 1, 2006.

## GOVERNOR DANIELS SIGNS LIFETIME GUN PERMIT LAW

New regulations providing several benefits for responsible gun owners became law on July 1, 2006. The regulations are a result of legislation signed by Governor Mitch Daniels in March, 2006.

Among the advantages to gun owners is a provision permitting a person to apply for and receive a lifetime handgun license. Until now, gun owners had to renew their licenses every four years. A gun owner may now file for an unlimited handgun license 180 days before their current license expires.

HEA 1028 gives property owners the ability to use force if they reasonably believe it is necessary to prevent serious injury to themselves or a third party. The property owner does not have to retreat in a situation where they believe that force is necessary to prevent another person's unlawful entry or attack on their dwelling or motor vehicle.

The Governor is intent on protecting Hoosiers' second amendment rights while continuing to keep Indiana citizens safe.



Governor Mitch Daniels visits the firing range during his Easter Weekend visit with Hoosier Heroes in Iraq. Governor practices with a standard issue military 9mm sidearm.  
Department of Defense Photo

#### Goose Pond Open for Public Use

Land offered for sale by a private owner is now affectionately known as the Goose Pond Fish & Wildlife Area. A majority of the property is being restored to its natural wetland state under the USDA's Wetland Reserve Program.

Public use of this land will provide a multitude of opportunities for outdoor recreation from hunting and fishing to bird watching and hiking, promoting economic development and adding invaluable tourism dollars into the small businesses across this region and the State.

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#### Public Welcome:

Governor Daniels hosts NRA President Sandra Froman at the Dearborn County Fairgrounds at 6:30pm on 9/22/06



Gov. Daniels signs Lifetime Gun Permit Law